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Commander's Column

The winter is finally behind us for good, so we can enjoy spring and look forward to summer. It certainly makes us all think about vacations, baseball games, BBQ's, fishing and extended holiday weekends. But the most important item on the Post 80 calendar is the yearly event where we are most visible to the members of our community. In just a couple of weeks, we set aside a few hours for one morning to honor the dead of our country's wars, to recall their valor and sacrifices, and remember those who gave their lives to preserve for us the preciousness of human freedom. Memorial Day has become one of my favorite times of the summer, much more so than when I was younger. I look forward to seeing as many members as possible on Memorial Day. Our Jr. Vice Commander will ask a few Legionnaires to take on specific tasks, but everyone is welcome to come to the post in the morning for Post Everlasting, visit the cemeteries, and join us for the parade and Fischel Park ceremony. The events are detailed in this newsletter and everyone is welcome to join us for the morning.

This month, we will be electing our new slate of officers to serve next year. The names have been published in previous newsletters and most of these men are familiar to us from their prior service as officers. They will have my support as they lead the post into the future and I know they will have yours. If you are available May 7th, our general business meeting is at 7:30. All members are invited to every meeting. We try to conduct business efficiently and keep the meetings to about 40 minutes, followed by a snack and a beer. A good reason to get out of the house for a while.

Enjoy your Spring and stay positive.

Todd Hanson

Commander



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Ever Honor

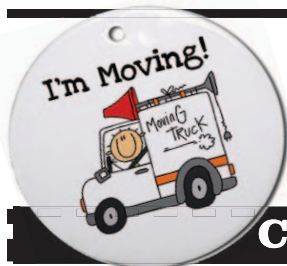
Visit these interesting websites for the history of Memorial Day:

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<http://www.va.gov/opa/speceven/memday/history.asp>

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Auxiliary News – May 2014

New Member Installation

At the Post 80 new member initiation night on March 22nd, Unit 80 was happy to welcome and initiate our new Senior members: Dolores Spexet, Bonnie Bonnecare and Sharon Thrumble. The Unit also initiated the following Junior members: Tajah Miller, Macayla Wales, Kim Wales and Talia Wales.

Helping the Girl Scouts

The Auxiliary has donated \$200.00 to Girl Scout Troop 50420 in order to help two of its Girl Scouts to attend camp this summer.

2014 Poppy Days Events

This year, our 2014 Poppy Day Campaign has received three authorized public solicitation dates from the Village of Downers Grove. This permits us to have Legionnaire and Auxiliary members soliciting for donations on May 10th as well as May 22nd and 23rd.

The Auxiliary is requesting that as many volunteers as possible please sign up with Kim Cruz.

We hope to be able to have one or more Poppy volunteers at the Post every day in May to solicit contributions from all of the people who come for traffic court.

This year's Miss Poppy is Julia Hanson, Commander Todd Hanson's daughter. Miss Poppy will be attending the Post 80 Past Commander's dinner on May 17th. Post and Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

Committee Chair Reports Due May 5th

Reminder: Auxiliary Committee Chair reports are due to the respective 11th District Chairs no later than May 5th. Report forms were distributed at the April Unit meeting. If you need a specific committee report form, please contact Kim Cruz, (630) 852-5969



Nominations for 2014-2015 Officer Election

Per Arlene Guest, Chair of the Nominating Committee, all of the current Unit officers are willing to be nominated to serve for the 2014-2015 Auxiliary year as listed:

President	Kim Cruz
1 st Vice President	Jean Krupin
2 nd Vice President	Arlene Guest
Historian	Bev Parrott
Treasurer	Joey Klingbiel
Sgt-at-Arms	Julie Isenberger

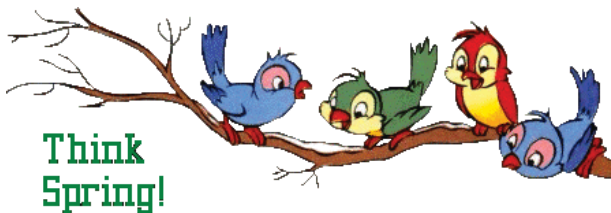
May Meeting Guest

Our scheduled guest speaker for the May meeting will be Lois Sterba, who will discuss the Oak Hill and Oak Crest cemeteries and the veterans who are buried there.

Upcoming Auxiliary Meetings and Events:

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|------------------------|--|
| May 10 | Poppy Day — Sign up for Downers Grove locations |
| May 12 | Auxiliary — Regular Unit 80 Meeting — 7 pm — Post 80 |
| May 17 | Post 80 Past Commander Dinner — 5:30 pm — Post 80 |
| May 22 & 23 | Poppy Day — Sign up for Downers Grove locations |
| May 26 | Memorial Day — Post Observance & Downers Grove Parade |

Respectfully submitted
Kim Cruz, President





Poppy Day

Thursday, May 22nd

Please Help Us Help Veterans

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Donate and Wear a Poppy

On Thursday May 22nd, Post 80's Auxiliary and Post members will be on the streets of Downers Grove to ask for donations to help Hospitalized Veterans. If you wish to help, be at Post 80 Thursday morning, May 22nd.

Poppy Evening

Friday, May 23rd

The Auxiliary and Post 80 members will be at the "Car Show" in downtown Downers Grove asking for donations. Help is needed for both days.



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**Alexander Bradley Burns Post 80
The American Legion**

Memorial Day

**Monday
May 26, 2014**

Events of the Day

1. Breakfast at the Post

6:30 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.

**2. Memorial Service &
Post Everlasting**

in front of Post 8:00 A.M.

**3. Honor Guard Salutes
Fallen Veterans**

at Area Cemeteries
8:30 to 9:30 A.M.

4. Memorial Day Parade

Main Street Downers Grove
Railroad to Fishel Park
Parade step off 10:45 A.M.

5. Memorial Day Ceremony

Fishel Park at 11:00 A.M.

6. Light Lunch at Post

for Participants 1:00 P.M.

The following is the schedule of area cemeteries to be visited:

8:30 A.M. St. Bernard's Cemetery (Hobson Road)

8:45 A.M. West Side Cemetery (Oak Hill)

8:55 A.M. Blodgett Cemetery (Oak Crest)

9:15 A.M. Memorial Park

9:30 A.M. Main Street Cemetery

9:45 A.M. Pierce Downer Cemetery



PAST COMMANDERS DINNER

Saturday, May 17, 2014

...is the Past Commanders Dinner which is open to one and all Legion, Auxiliary, and other family members. It is the one chance to pay honor to the past commanders who are alive and those whose voices have been stilled.

The Social Hour.....6PM – 7PM

Dinner.....7PM

Past Commanders program

Entertainment

We are asking \$10/per person for the dinner. Past Commanders and their spouses are free.

Please come and join us. By returning the lower part of this we minimize waste and off set the cost of food. So come let your hair down and have some fun.

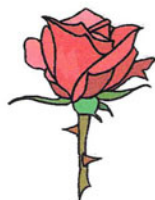
Yes, I am coming to Past Commanders Dinner

Name _____

How many in your party? _____

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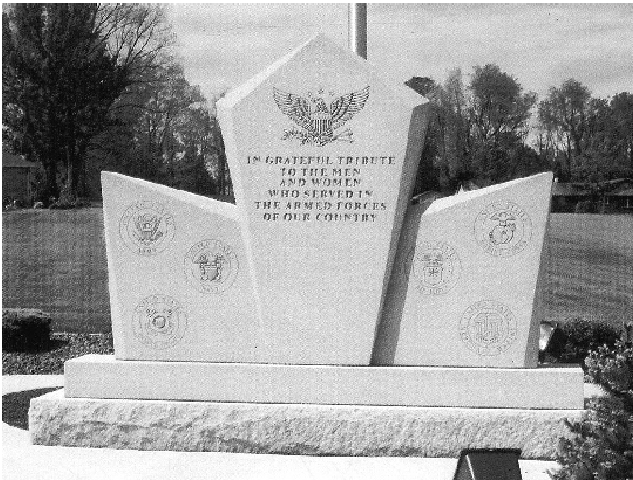
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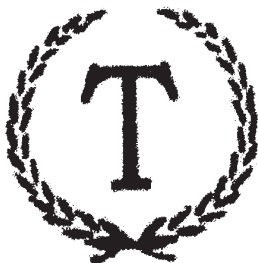
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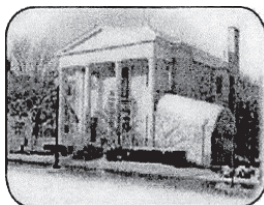
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STANLEY J. NOWAK

*WWII Veteran, Purple Heart and
Bronze Star Recipient*

March 31, 2014

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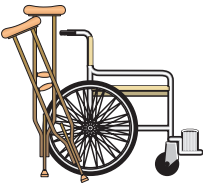
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Then go to Start your Military Service Record (DD Form 214) Request and follow the prompts and fill in the required information. It also has you print a signature sheet that you have to mail to them. When they receive the signature paper, they will send you an email confirming that they received it. Then in about 10 days, you'll receive 2 certified copies of your DD 214 and copies of your discharge orders.

It's really easy and it only costs you the price of a postage stamp and an envelope.

Your Service Officer.

WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS & CRUTCHES



Post 80 lends out wheel chairs, walkers and crutches to anyone that may need them. For more information, call Rich Jones at 630-964-2434.

Anyone who has borrowed a wheelchair, walker, or crutches and no longer needs them, please return them to Post 80 so they may be available for other veterans.

Articles and photos for the newsletter must be submitted ***no later*** than the **third Monday** of the month. Please contact Newsletter Editor: Joe Pappalardo at **630-964-0011** or email: joe63arc@comcast.net if you wish to submit something.

Never miss an issue! Past copies of the "LEGION-AIRE" are always available online at: www.post80.org

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New Member Initiation Night



Herb Morrison accepting American Legion 60 year membership award.



Initiates Class of 2014

Just a thought

A couple of years ago one of our fellow Legion Members passed away and instead of flowers his wife requested that monetary donations be made to our Gifts For Yanks Fund in his name. Because of this we received over \$1000.00 to be used to help our fellow Veterans. Maybe we should all think about requesting this of our families when we go. It's a great way to continue helping our fellow Veterans even when we're gone.



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American Legion Riders



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Successful Legion Rider Spaghetti Dinner

Our Thanks to everyone who joined us for our 5th Annual Legion Riders-Chapter 80 Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 19th. A special Thank you to all of the Auxiliary members who so generously provided homemade desserts and helped serve our dinner guests.

The proceeds from this event will help support the veterans' assistance programs of the American Legion. In particular, Chapter 80 has donated funds and volunteer assistance to the Hines VA Sports Committee in support of the national Wheelchair Olympics program as well as the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Wheaton, IL.

Upcoming Rides and Events

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| 5/3 | DuPage Veterans Foundation Honor Flight Fundraiser @
DuPage Airport (assemble 10:30 am Heritage Harley Davidson) |
| 5/10 | Legion Rider — May Regular meeting — 10 am at Post 80 |
| 5/17 | 11 th Annual Mooseheart Bike Blessing — Field House - Noon |
| 5/18 | 7 th Kevin Clarke Memorial Ride — Post 615 Tinley Park |
| 6/1 | Wings Benefit Ride — JD Bootleggers, Antioch IL — 9 am — 5 pm |
| 6/14 | Frogs4Freedom Ride — St. Charles to Savannah IL |
| 6/21 | MidEast Conflict Memorial Freedom Run — Marseilles IL |
| 7/14-19 | Tennessee Dragon Tail Run — Gatlinburg TN |
| 7/31-8/3 | Legion Rider Romp — Collinsville IL |
| 8/17-21 | Legacy Scholarship Run — Indianapolis to Charlottesville NC |

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COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN, SERVICE TO VETERANS AND THE RIDES!!

Legion Riders — Chapter 80 usually meets monthly on the second Saturday of each month at 10 am in the Post 80 Library. **The next Legion Rider meeting will be on Saturday, May 10 2014.** Legion Rider membership requires membership or affiliation with the American Legion and ownership of a 350cc or larger motorcycle. Annual dues are \$20.00.

Please check with Director, John Pavich, (630 541 5710), or Norma Border, Secretary (630-336-3422) to confirm meeting locations for any given month.

Check the Post 80 Newsletter and website for updates to the Legion Rider meeting and event schedule.

John Pavich
Director ALR



Thank You!

On Thursday March 20, members of Post 80 took several Veterans from DuPage Convalescent Home out to breakfast at Maxfields Restaurant in Lombard. The food was delicious and the service was excellent, and I think we all had a great time. So a big “THANK YOU” to all who came along and helped out. I’m sure the Veterans really appreciated it.

Rich Jones, Service Officer





THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:

How well do you remember geography??

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All through your school years and beyond, a good geographical question has been: What is the highest mountain in the world?? The natural answer, of course, is Mount Everest. (29,068 feet above the sea level, and there isn't another mountain in the world higher than sea level!!).

But wait a minute, what are we measuring? The tallest mountain from peak to base is Mt. Mauna Kea in Hawaii, only 13,796 feet above sea level, but many many feet below!! a total of approx. 32,000 feet high!

But the most interesting answer is the highest mountain from the center of the earth to the highest point on earth?? (the earth being an ellipse, and not a true sphere, is approx. 10 miles farther from the center of the earth to the equator, than to the poles), therefore the tallest mountain from the center of the earth to the furthest point on earth is Mt. Portoviejo in South America (even though it is only 20,702 feet above sea level, but "miles taller than Everest!!).

So, take your pick. Most schools will stick with Everest.....

R.W. Bernardini



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Tickets: Radika J., Norma B.

5/20 Kitchen: Kim C., Julie I., & Jean K.,
Tickets: Eleanor R., Leora N.

5/27 Kitchen: Arlene G., Marge P., & Nancy C.
Tickets: Pat M., Jane B.

**Hostesses for May Unit Meeting are
Marge P., Pam Q., and Radika J.**



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 May 2014				1	2	3 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
4	5	6 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	7 Business Meeting 7:30 pm	8  World Red Cross Day	9	10 CDC 8:30 am Legion Riders 10 am
11 	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	14 County Meeting West Chicago Post 300	15	16	17 CDC 8:30 am Past Commander's Dinner 6:00pm
18	19	20 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	21	22 POPPY DAY 	23 POPPY EVENING	24 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
25	26 Memorial Day  (See Schedule of Events)	27 Bingo 6:30 pm Doors Open 4:30 pm	28 Board of Directors Meeting 7:30 pm	29	30	31 Coffee Donuts & Conversation 8:30 am
Flower: Lily of the Valley Birthstone: Emerald Arthritis Awareness Month Healthy Vision Month				ELIGIBILITY DATES WORLD WAR I APRIL 6, 1917 - NOVEMBER 11, 1918 • VIETNAM FEBRUARY 28, 1961 - MAY 7, 1975 WORLD WAR II DECEMBER 7, 1941 - DECEMBER 31, 1946 • KOREAN WAR JUNE 25, 1950 - JANUARY 31, 1955 • GRANADA & LEBANON AUGUST 24, 1982 - JULY 31, 1984 • OPER. JUST CAUSE IN PANAMA DECEMBER 20, 1989 - JAN. 31, 1990 • PERSIAN GULF AUGUST 2, 1990 - cessation of hostilities		